Infiltration of Bhutanese Nationals

5146. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been large scale infiltration of Bhutanese nationals of Nepalese origin into Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No large scale infiltration of Bhutanese Nationals of Nepali origin to Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal has come to notice in the recent past.

(d) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons from Former East Pakistan

5147. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rehabilitation of a large number of displaced persons from former East Pakistan remain yet to be completed;

(b) if so, whether the Government of West Bengal has submitted a number of proposals for consideration of the Union Government to solve the residual problems in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government of West Bengal submitted a Memorandum on the problem of displaced persons from former East Pakistan in July, 1991.

(c) The Memorandum has been examined. A scheme for liquidating the residuary problem of regularisation of 607 post-1950 Squatters' Colonies of Displaced Persons in West Bengal is under implementation.

Volcano in Andaman Island

5148. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether volcano in Andaman Island is erupting fire and lava on large scale and it has become difficult to reach there due to disturbance in the sea; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by the Government to provide proper facilities to the scientists to start research work rapidly and to check spreading of volcano and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Andaman Administration and Naval Authorities are providing all possible facilities to scientists for conducting studies on the volcanic eruption in April, 1991 in Barren Island. With their assistance, a team of scientists of Geological Survey of India (GSI), Department of Ocean Development and local voluntary organisations have gone to Barren Island thrice and collected samples of lava and ash for study.

Since the end of June, 1991 landing at the Barren Island by the sea-route was not possible due to rough weather as the landing

site has already been covered with hot lava. GSI is in contact with Defence authorities for logistics support of Helicopters and ships to undertake further studies on the island after the improvement of weather conditions.

Volcanic activity is a natural phenomena and the outflow of volcanic lava and ash cannot be checked. However, the activity is being monitored using satellite data by Department of Space.

Seizure of Fake Currency Notes

5149. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of take currency notes seized during the last three years;

(b) the number of criminal cases pending in courts in this regard and the number of persons convicted during these years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such crimes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The registration, detection and investigation of crimes, including those pertaining to take currency notes are the responsibility of the State Governments. Information and statistics in this regard and also court cases are not compiled, co-ordinated and monitored on all India basis by the Central Government agencies.

(c) Since the registration, detection and investigation is a State subject, it is for the State Governments to take steps to prevent such crimes.

Expert Group for New Traffic Pattern in New Delhi

5150. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to constitute an expert group to consider the new traffic circulation pattern being experimented in Connaught Place, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to remove irritants of the residents and traders of the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The new traffic circulation pattern which has been adopted in Connaught Place by Delhi Traffic Police on experimental basis in collaboration with New Delhi Municipal Committee, has been evolved by the Central Road Research Institute. There is no proposal at present to constitute another expert group.

[Translation]

Irrigation by Tehri Project

5151. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of the total area of land proposed to be irrigated by Tehri Dam project in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): As per the Project Report, Tehri Dam Project will provide additional annual irrigation of 2.7 lakh hectares in the existing command of Madhya Ganga Canal Stage-I,